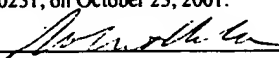


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AMENDMENT AFTER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 22) mailed May 23, 2001. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time accompanies this amendment, extending the due date for response from August 23, 2001 to October 23, 2001, and hence this amendment is timely filed. Subsequent to the entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, and prior to the continued examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please enter the following amendments: